

TROOPERS' WIDOWS CARRY ON

Notes Of Sympathy Still Being Received From Throughout The Nation



WILL NEVER REALLY KNOW THEIR FATHER: The young children of Trooper Gary Rampy will never have a chance to really get to know their father, who was killed in the line of duty Dec. 31. Mrs. Rampy holds five-months-old Denise. At left is David Rampy, age 4. (Staff photo)

Reject Election Year Pressure, Nixon Advises

By FRANK CORMIER
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon, handing the election-year Congress a retreat legislative program with a couple of new wrinkles, called on the Senate and House today to reject "the intense pressures of a political year."

In a 4,000-word State of the Union address, prepared for delivery at a live-broadcast joint session, Nixon said he and Congress should close ranks "in making sure that legislation the nation needs does not become hostage to the political interest of any party or nation."

The President, an announced candidate for a second term, said he wants a bigger defense

budget and a "new technology program" to encourage research, create jobs and make American industry more competitive abroad.

He promised to unveil later in the year a plan to finance public schools without burdening the property-tax system.

Nixon's delivery of the message coincided with the beginning of his fourth year in office.

Otherwise, Nixon said little about new initiatives but stressed instead that Congress should act on "more than 90 major administration proposals" such as welfare reform, government reorganization and revenue sharing that have been hanging fire for a year or longer.

In a companion 15,000-word

written State of the Union document, the chief executive warmed over his past arguments on behalf of the pending bills.

In his written presentation, Nixon said his planned visits this year to Communist China and the Soviet Union "will mean not that our differences have disappeared or will disappear in the near future." The important thing, he said, "is that we talk about these differences rather than fight about them."

"It would be a serious mistake," he continued, "to say that nothing can come of our expanded communications with Peking and Moscow. But it would also be a mistake to expect."

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By LYLE SUMERIX
South Berrien Bureau
NEW BUFFALO — Small in stature, big in courage.

That, in short, sums up the widows of Gary Rampy and Charles Stark, Michigan state police troopers shot to death Dec. 31 near Union Pier.

The deaths of their husbands left a void in the Rampy and Stark households that each widow is bravely trying to fill — a void only a mother and her two small children can know.

Mrs. Rampy, Tanya, is left to raise two pre-school children. "I don't think David comprehends what has happened," she told this reporter. "He knows his daddy is in heaven, but he is still kind of waiting for him to come home."

David turned four years old just a month before his father was killed.

Five-months-old Denise is far too young to know about her daddy.

Mrs. Stark, Sandra, summed up her children's reaction: "They seem to understand. They took it hard at first, but now seem to have understood and have accepted it."

Diane, age 9, and her brother, Dale, 8, attended their father's funeral with their mother. Both are students at Chikaming elementary school, where Diane is a fourth grader and Dale is in second grade.

Troopers Rampy and Stark were killed in the line of duty during an apparent routine traffic stop.

Their suspected slayer, William Croxton of Nashville, Tenn., was shot to death minutes later by another trooper. His companion, Mrs. Dorothy Broz of Inkster, has been charged with two counts of first degree murder. She is being held in the Berrien county jail.

Both officers were stationed at the New Buffalo post, where Rampy had served two years and Stark for six years.

Both men know of the dangers of their profession, and both had accepted it.

Rampy joined the state police in 1965, three years after graduating from high school at Albion and a year after he married his classmate and high school sweetheart.

He served two years at Niles and one year at Brighton before joining the New Buffalo post.

Stark's long time ambition had been to join the state police. Following graduation from Muskegon high school in 1957, he became a journeyman bricklayer. His high school

sweetheart, whom he married a year out of high school, recalls how he used to give every state police car he saw a longing look. He joined the department in 1964, and the longing became reality.

He was stationed at Jackson two years before being assigned to New Buffalo.

Seated in the living room of their modern home in Grand Beach, Mrs. Rampy recalled how her husband also had

been left fatherless at the age of four when his father was killed in an automobile accident.

"One thing Gary was against was my working while the children were young. His

mother worked the swing shift in a factory while he was growing up and he often came home to an empty house. He wanted me, home with the

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FATHERLESS FAMILY: Mrs. Charles Stark faces the task of raising her two small children — Dale 8 and Diane 9 — alone since the Dec. 31 death of her husband, Trooper Charles Stark.



TROOPERS HONORED: Michigan state police troopers Gary Rampy and Charles Stark were honored posthumously yesterday at the New Buffalo post. Berrien County Commissioner R. J. Burkholz (left) presents resolutions, adopted by

the board in recognition of the troopers' service, to Mrs. Stark and Mrs. Stark and Mrs. Rampy. Also participating in the presentation was Lt. Neil Bement, post commander. (Staff photo)

New Faces Appear In Welfare Lineup

By AUSTIN SCOTT
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — William J., onetime \$33,000-a-year executive, peers intently into California's lush San Fernando Valley. He stands beside the backyard swimming pool of his \$65,000, mountainside home.

In the distance is the Los Angeles County office that now supplies his only income, \$398 a month in welfare benefits and food stamps.

Two years without work, his \$15,000 savings gone, his confidence shattered, William J. is depressed about prospects for himself, his wife and his four children. "I've thought sometimes that if I still had my life insurance, I might have done away with myself," he said.

William J. represents a small but growing minority on welfare — executives, engineers, scientists and skilled craftsmen severed from their jobs by a sagging economy.

Executive William J., an elderly widow in Long Beach, Calif., a struggling mother of five in a Chicago slum, a young widow in Providence, R.I.; these are some of the representative faces on the escalating public dole.

After a brief downturn, the cold statistics of the welfare

crisis are headed upward again: \$10 billion spent in the last year on 14.3 million recipients, twice the people and three times the expenditures of 1960.

The important statistic for William J., like everyone on welfare, is the money he doesn't have.

William J. rose quickly through Eastern corporation ranks after graduation from an Ivy League college two decades ago. He came West as executive vice president of a Los Angeles firm. Soon after he arrived, the company folded.

Since then he has looked unsuccessfully for another executive position. He'll take any work he can get. But employers have turned him down for such jobs as sales clerk. He is over-qualified, they say, and would leave as soon as a better job comes along.

Now William J. is thinking of

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Mortgage Fraud Charged Arrests Made In FHA Mess

DETROIT (AP) — A federal grand jury Wednesday indicted nine persons, including seven Detroit-area real estate brokers, on fraud charges in the

purchasing of 20 homes with mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Authority (FHA).

U.S. Attorney Ralph B. Guy Jr. said the indictments represent the first in a series of criminal charges involving FHA-insured mortgages in home buying which are expected to be issued in Detroit.

The indictments follow charges from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that abuses of FHA mortgages were a major reason for the drastic increase in foreclosures by HUD in Detroit.

Guy said an investigation by his office and the FBI has indicated that fraud and other abuses of the FHA program are "quite widespread" in the Detroit area.

Guy said the real estate agents had third persons fur-

nish their names and credit ratings to apply for a mortgage on property which they had no intention of living in.

Once the mortgage was obtained, he said, the real estate agent would resume control of the property and rent it or sell it for personal profit. The so-called buyers would receive payments in return for the use of their names and credit ratings.

Although the fake home buyers are also liable to criminal prosecution, Guy said, they were not charged.

Eight of the nine — seven of them from Detroit suburbs — were arrested by federal officials. The ninth was believed to be a fugitive in Canada, authorities said.

Guy said all nine face prison terms of up to two years or fines of \$5,000, or both, if con-

victed.

He said three also face additional conspiracy charges

which carry a maximum penalty of five years and a \$10,000 fine.

Peace Talk Envoy Returns In Secret

PARIS (AP) — The chief U.S. delegate to the Vietnam peace talks, William J. Porter, flew to the United States secretly last weekend and is expected to go to Washington for consultations before returning to Paris next week, the U.S. delegation announced today.

Porter's place at the 141st session of the talks today was taken by his deputy, Hayward Isham.

Delegation spokesman Stephen Ledogar told newsmen that Porter and his wife flew to their home in Massachusetts Sunday "to take care of personal business." Asked whether the ambassador would see officials in Washington about the peace talks, Ledogar replied: "I would be surprised if he did not take a trip to Washington."

Paula Selter now at Esther Styling Salon. 429-1361. Adv.

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Number 4 Of A Series

EDITOR'S NOTE—A sagging economy is driving home the facts of life on welfare to a new class of recipients—skilled, middle class craftsmen and professionals. Here, in the fourth of a series on the welfare crisis, the AP Special Assignment Team looks at new problem for these people.

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Editorial Page

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Mating Ecology And Economics

The U.S. Department of The Interior is expected to release within a week or two its final environmental impact statement on the Trans Alaska Pipeline.

Going by a statement of December 3d from Rogers C. B. Morton, Interior Secretary, expressing confidence "we have covered all the environmental stipulations and that a permit will be issued," Alaska Pipeline should receive permission to proceed with the controversial transport method.

The project calls for running a 48-inch line from Prudhoe Bay on the North Slope 789 miles south to the Valdez, an ice free port.

Three years ago an exploratory consortium from several oil companies revealed the North Slope lies astride an estimated 10 billion barrels of petroleum. These proven reserves equal a third of that among all the other oil producing states and constitute an obvious answer to embargo threats from politically unstable areas like Venezuela, Libya and the Mideastern sheikdoms.

This mammoth deposit, once brought into production, promises a cushier life for all Alaskans, many times what timbering, fishing and solid mineral, mostly gold, mining forecast. The 49th state already has balanced up a precarious budget in selling prospecting rights and its officials dream of financing Alaska's domestic requirements indefinitely by further sales, expanded payrolls and royalties.

Alaska's ecology, however, is as fragile as her economy.

It is one of the world's more productive earthquake zones. This causes many geologists to fear that even a minor tremor could break the line, spewing a lake of crude petroleum across the countryside or, where the line is buried, sending a poison stream underground before maintenance crews could repair the breach.

More worrisome is the soil structure. The tundra, an undulating plain covered by grass, lichen, sedge and moss, prevails in the open or nonforested areas.

The summer sun thaws the tundra to a spongy muck which only this thin vegetative layer holds together.

Oil heated to 180 degrees Fahrenheit to allow it to be pumped through the line in winter conceivably might melt a drainage ditch which in warmer weather could turn the tundra into a quagmire. Ecologists fear this would starve the caribou and other migratory vegetarian animals who feed from the tundra's covering.

Morton's predecessor, Walter Hickel, sided with the environmentalists and against his fellow businessmen in this argument. This could be the cause behind the never stated reason from the White House for relieving Hickel from his post in 1970.

Morton's statement seven weeks ago implies, without saying in so many words, the Department will insist upon engineering techniques to accommodate the tundra and Alaskan pocketbooks simultaneously.

Another compromise is possible.

A Canadian group is exploring the feasibility of running a line from the Yukon to Edmonton, Alberta, the center of the fairly recent Western Basin strike which runs down into Montana. An extension could be laid to Prudhoe Bay for the North Slope deposits.

This could cost more than the \$2 billion estimated for the Valdez terminal route, but the American companies might have to show more interest in an Edmonton terminus if Morton goes counter to their expectations or lays down engineering standards too difficult to meet.

From a monetary standpoint, Trans Alaska is the largest in a growing list of clashes between ecology for its own sake as opposed to the cost of achieving it, including job attrition.

Although ecology holds official sanction in the governing boards of most major labor unions, many locals and their leaders are joining hands with management to resist or deflect the stiffer environmental regulations. "Jobs first, scenery and wildlife next," is the formula. Oil, pulp making and chemicals, three industries most susceptible to anti-pollution orders, are showing an inordinate display of unaccustomed brotherhood in that regard.

George Meany, the very expressive president of the AFL-CIO, assails the campaign against disposable bottles and cans as "a program for banning jobs, not eliminating litter."

If they are unique in any one respect, Americans never have inclined to go at things gradually. We prefer the all or nothing approach, including the backlash which the former invariably engenders.

Environmentalism has taken this first routing from the beginning. It got off to a flying start because returning to the simple life appeared to be a cheap ticket.

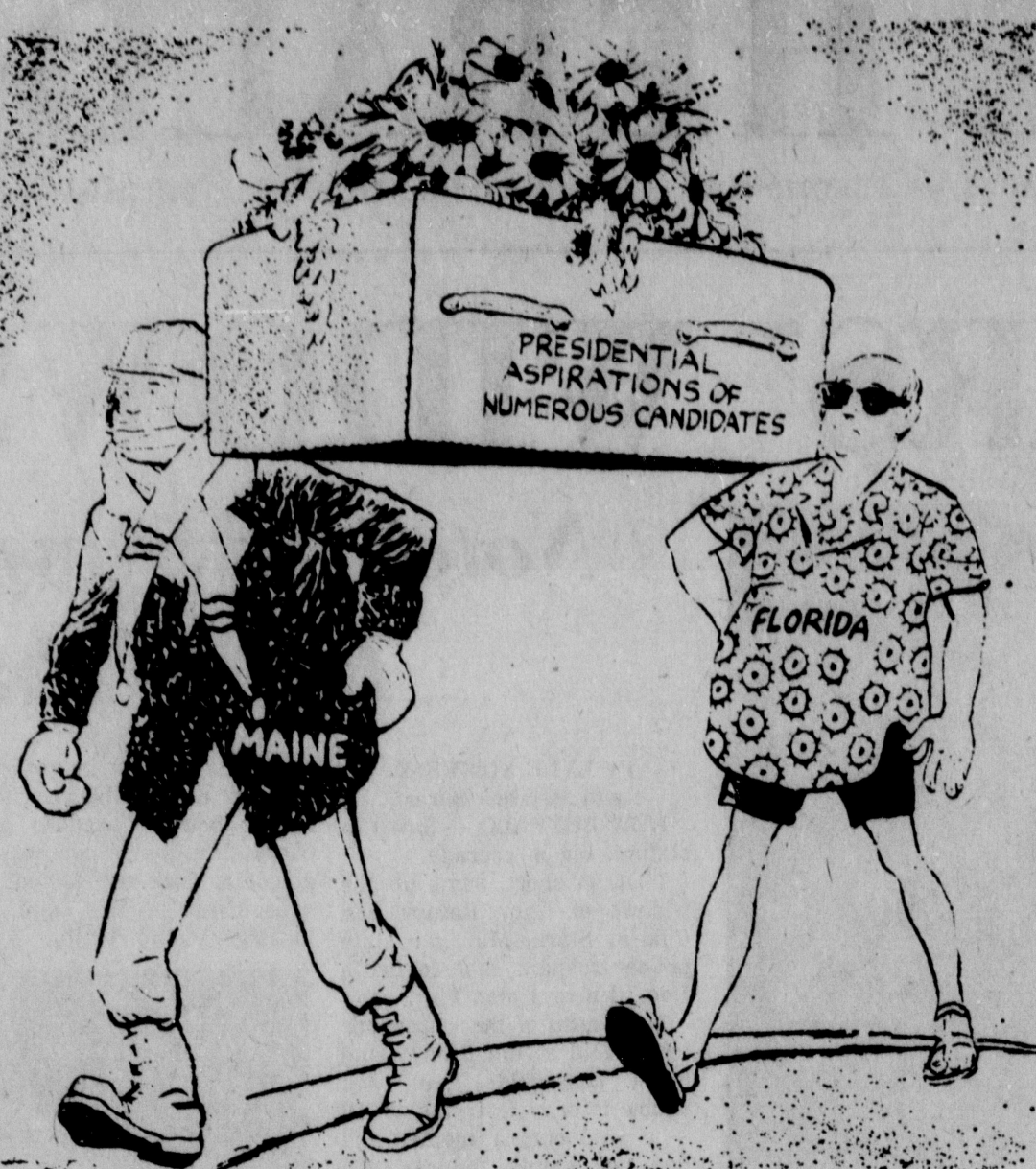
The Trans Alaska case and this labor reaction are merely a few indicators among many showing it will cost a tremendous bundle to improve the environment or just to stabilize it against further inroads.

Yet it is clear a present job may quickly prove insecure if no move is taken toward stabilization.

The sensible alternative is to move ahead on environmental clean up at a cost which the economy can meet successfully.

We add one wistful thought to this suggestion — the impossible dream of keeping the politicians out of the act.

The Pallbearers!



GLANCING BACKWARDS

NAMED DIRECTOR

1 Year Ago

Jeff B. Edmunds of St. Joseph has been named western Berrien county area director for General Business Services, Inc., a national counseling firm specializing in helping small businessmen and professional persons.

Services rendered include record keeping, tax consultation, and preparation of business and personal income tax returns. General Services is headquartered in Washington,

D. C.

BOATING AWARD PRESENTED TO ST. JOSEPH PUBLISHER

10 Years Ago

James W. Peaslee is the 1962 recipient of the Ole Evinrude Award presented this week at the national motor boat show in New York City for his contribution to recreational boating.

The St. Joseph publisher is keeping the Steuben glass bowl symbolizing the honor but giving the \$1,000 grant

that goes with the award to the Southwestern Michigan Boy Scouts Council. It will be used to buy marine equipment at the Madron lake camp.

JAPS UNLOOSE HUGE ASSAULT

30 Years Ago

Japanese invasion troops, attacking only 60 miles north of Singapore island, were officially reported exerting "heavy pressure on the entire front" in western Malaya today, and a crisis in the defense of Britain's \$400,000,000 strong hold was apparently imminent as sea-borne Japanese forces cut in below the main battle line.

In the Philippine war theater, a war department bulletin reported that six American bombers sank a Japanese cruiser and scored direct hits on a tanker, leaving it in flames 100 miles off Jolo.

BIRTHDAY SPEECH

40 Years Ago

"Prohibition is a big joke and the Volstead act should be modified at once, the quicker the better," is the opinion of John C. Dick, Buchanan's veteran justice of the peace who today is celebrating his 89th birthday anniversary. "There will be mighty few Republicans left in Washington after the smoke of next November's election has rolled away," asserts Mr. Dick, who has faithfully followed the principles of Thomas Jefferson since he was old enough to vote.

HOT LUNCH

50 Years Ago

For the rest of the winter, St. Joseph high school students will have an opportunity to enjoy hot lunches served by the domestic science department. Food will be served at a nominal price.

RETURNS FROM TRIP

60 Years Ago

Harry Kerlikowske has returned from a business trip to Jackson.

BACK HOME

80 Years Ago

Miss Emma Collins has returned from Reading where she has been a guest of Miss Della Stoner, who is ill with grip.

Era Of Good Feeling Ahead

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — All those connected with the Michigan school scene will move closer together and cooperate more fully during the next few years, predicts state Superintendent of Public Instruction John W. Porter.

Porter spoke Wednesday before the Michigan Association of School Administrators in Grand Rapids.

"There will be a shift of emphasis away from educational reform in the sense of local versus state control — which has dominated the scene for several years — toward a greater cooperation and working relationship between local, regional and state agencies in order to get the job done," Porter said.

During the same period, Porter said, educators will be dealing with changes in the funding of public education, reorganization of school districts, experimentation and demonstration programs, school desegregation and teacher professionals development activities.

Mack's involvement was to

Bruce Biosat

Ray Of Hope In Trade Gloom



WASHINGTON (NEA) — Away from the glare of glamorous summitry, the Nixon administration has been deeply involved for weeks in important trade talks with Canada, Japan and the European nations. But what we do for ourselves may have more to do with our long range economic prospects in the world.

The talks, of course, are intended by us to produce concessions from our major trading partners which may help us offset our critical deficits in trade and balance of payments.

At least in the conversations with the Japanese, snags have developed from time to time. But the White House remains optimistic. The President believes he has the promise of concessions.

Our whole trading problem, indeed, our role in a changing world economy, is amply treated in a new big study by Peter Peterson, the President's international economic expert. Not the least pertinent observations are those dealing with America's domestic economic shortcomings.

Speaking of this country's need to develop more competitive strength against fast-moving Europe and Japan, Peterson says:

"It is important to emphasize that development depends mainly on our own efforts rather than on the actions of other countries."

Fundamentally, our domestic economic power is not gravely diminished. For instance, Peterson says there is gross exaggeration in fears that the United States, flooded with foreign goods, would soon cease to be a major manufacturing nation. Adds he:

"Our economy produces around \$350 billion in manufactured goods, and we import less than 10 per cent of that amount. Furthermore, our total manufacturing output is significantly larger, in absolute terms, than the sum of the entire gross national products of several of our leading competitors in the free world."

Still, the shortcomings are here:

—We continue to gain each year in productivity (output per man hour), but Japan and some European lands are far outpacing us.

—We don't invest enough in new plant and equipment to improve productivity. Japan in recent years has plowed back twice as much of its GNP into new facilities as have we. So has West Germany.

—We go on outspending other industrialized powers in research and development, key to advancing technology. But others are gaining on us. One cue to our evidently declining inventiveness, too, is that in 1971 foreign applications for U.S. patents were 46 per cent of total applications, as against 26 per cent in 1961.

Jeffrey Hart

Jackson Smells

Liberal Fraud



Senator Henry M. Jackson will not make it to the Democratic nomination, much less to the Presidency, but, in refreshing contrast to his Democratic rivals, he is at least honest on the issues.

The intellectual dishonesty of his principal rivals is indeed breathtaking. George McGovern can appear on a given evening before B'nai B'rith or some such group and roundly declare: "America must do whatever is necessary to ensure the survival of Israel." Then, the next day, before a liberal audience, you find him advocating vast cuts in the military budget — his figure, these days, is twenty billion dollars. What, as a matter of fact is he going to defend Israel with, let alone the United States?

The inconsistency here is so gross that McGovern's pose as a man of openness and candor must have been consciously designed to distract attention from it.

But McGovern's flagrancy is by no means unique. Here is Eugene McCarthy: "I think we have a normal commitment to support Israel and must maintain it." With what, he doesn't say. John Lindsay and Hubert Humphrey echo the sentiment. Edmund "Honest Abe" Muskie comes on in exactly the same way: "The security of Israel is closely related to the security of the United States."

This last proposition may in fact be objectively true. But if it is, why then does Muskie vie with his rivals on Pentagon budget-cutting?

It is at exactly this point that Henry Jackson comes in. "How the hell are you going to defend Israel," he asks, "if you're also cutting the Sixth Fleet to ribbons? It doesn't jell."

And Jackson is obviously, glaringly correct. He has put his finger on the bogus element in the public position of all his rivals. And their performance is a wonder to behold.

Behind their obvious contradictions and bogus rhetoric, what Muskie, McGovern, Lindsay and Humphrey are doing, quite plainly, is competing for the honorific label of "liberal" in places like Washington, New York, and Boston. Each of them needs support in those places, and the "liberal" label is important. In this electoral season, the most "liberal" candidate is the one who dramatizes himself as the loudest opponent of national defense. That each of them flatly contradicts himself where Israel is concerned apparently passes unnoticed.

The hilarious part of all this is that Muskie has apparently designed his Presidential campaign around the theme that he is a uniquely candid and forthright candidate. He is attempting to establish a dramatic contrast between his New England integrity and the trickery of that fellow in the White House. His stump speech, for example, is beginning to crystallize. He is asking his audiences to "find out if this guy in front of you is a believable candidate, if you really trust what he says. . . . Do this not for me but for the country, because people have to believe in their leaders."

Worried About Marina

FRANKFORT, Mich., (AP) — The Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Advisory Commission has expressed concern over possible overdevelopment of the proposed harbor and boat launching facility at the mouth of the Platte River, in Benzie County.

UN Losing Its Box Office Appeal

The United Nations, which has a penchant for not doing anything right, hit a new plateau in 1971. It even lost money on its guided tours for the first time.

Tourists at the UN's New York buildings have been declining since 1969, when more than one million visitors were recorded. In 1970, the number was down to 938,000. Last year it dropped to 874,000.

The 1971 figure is particularly significant because of the widespread publicity surrounding the China question and the debate over the India-Pakistan war.

Thus, in a year when greater public attention was focused on the UN than usual, attendance by the public dropped off considerably. From the financial point of view, UN tours probably will continue to lose money.

Although the number of visitors has declined 13 percent in two years, the world organization intends to hire only 10 per cent fewer guides when two-year contracts are issued in March, and admits much of that economy will be eliminated by higher salaries and other costs.

The reason given by Maurice Liu, chief of UN public services, for the declining interest by visitors is the condition of the American economy during the last two years. That may have been a contributing factor, but perhaps it has not occurred to the gentlemen in the glass tower that their own actions and inactions have had something to do with it.

Traditionally, when a boy kisses a girl under the mistletoe, he must pluck a berry from the bough and give it to her. When all its berries are gone, the mistletoe loses its magic and the kissing stops. Tradition also held that a girl who wasn't kissed under the mistletoe would not marry in the coming year, the National Geographic Society says.

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BERRY'S WORLD



"My wife is going to subscribe to Ms.—tell me, Wally, where have I failed?"



SOUVENIR FROM INDIA: How do you carry a four-foot long sitar from New Delhi, India, to the Twin Cities? "In your hand," says Deborah Shepard. Deborah brought this and other souvenirs home from her visit to India where she studied Buddhism and other Far Eastern philosophies at the University of New Delhi. (Staff photo)

War More Than Headline For Her *Local Girl Tells Of India*

By JAKE SHUBINSKI
Staff Writer

The war between India and Pakistan was just a headline in the newspaper to most Twin City residents, but to 19-year-old Deborah Shepard, it was a very real and close experience.

Deborah, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Montgomery Shepard, was in India throughout the war and remembers well one night in Bombay.

"It was crazy," recalls Miss Shepard. "There my girl friend and I were in the middle of a harbor filled with military installations making our home on a luxurious British houseboat which we had rented for \$10 per night.

"All of a sudden, the air raid sirens were blasting and the ack ack guns started firing. As it turned out, there was only one plane in the raid and no bombs were dropped. . . and the plane escaped," said Deborah.

With this one exception, her memories were all pleasant. "It's a beautiful country and the trip gave me a brighter outlook on life," she said.

To most Americans, India means poverty. "Poverty is easing in India," declared Deborah after a first-hand view. "The country is feeding most of its own population now."

Miss Shepard does not deny that poverty exists. She says, "Only the very rich have cars and they share the streets with bikes and oxen carrying their loads."

Deborah's trip to India

Auto Truck Site Of Fire

St. Joseph firemen extinguished a smoldering fire in the trunk of a car owned by M. L. Meeks, 667 Thresher, Benton Harbor, 9:18 - 9:42 a.m. Wednesday at Gate 2 of Auto Specialties Manufacturing Co. Firemen said clothes in the trunk were ignited by a tail light that broke loose from its socket.

I&M Sues Electrical Union For \$293,902 Damages

SOUTH BEND — Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. and a wholly-owned subsidiary filed suits in U. S. District court here late Wednesday seeking \$293,902 damages against the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers for alleged picketing at two generating plant sites.

I&M and its subsidiary, Indiana & Michigan Power Co., claim IBEW representatives picketed illegally Jan. 11 and thereby halted construction work at the Donald C. Cook nuclear plant at Bridgman, Mich., and the Tanners Creek plant at Lawrenceburg, Ind.

IBEW local 1392 has no employees at the Cook plant, an I&M spokesman said earlier. The picketing there lasted one day.

I&M Power Co. seeks \$254,000 losses at the Cook plant,

of the orderly progress of work, delay in completion of the project, and revenue it based on alleged "disruption

will generate, plus losses due to added expenses."

The IBEW struck in a dispute over a new contract on Jan. 11 and returned to work

Jan. 17. It has been without contract since the last pact expired Oct. 31 and still is without one.

Teachers Against BH Split

Value Of Mixed Society Cited

The Benton Harbor Education association went on record at its meeting Monday night as opposing any fragmentation of the Benton Harbor Area school district.

The teachers said they believed dividing the district would deprive students of a multi-cultural educational background which they feel is essential for living in today's society.

They said that "fragmentation of any district on an ethnic basis is contrary to prevailing judicial practice," and cited a recent case in Richmond, Va., as an example.

They added that new programs had been added this year, and felt these might be destroyed if the system was broken up.

Several areas of the district currently are involved in efforts to transfer to other districts.

Traffic Deaths

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Jan. 20 State Police Count
This Year 86
Last Year 87



20-TON FLYING BOAT: George Miller Jr., and Sons, crane operators lifted the St. Joseph coast Guard's 40-foot lifesaving boat out of the water Wednesday for winter maintenance. The job order came unexpectedly when ice, that had the boat in its grip up to Tuesday, shifted and broke up. Chief Robert Woodard said the new boat is in good condition but will get usual maintenance care. The

39,000 pound boat was put on skids on west bank of marina and will be heated electrically during the winter. In case of an emergency, boat could be refloated, quickly, Miller said. Boats from Michigan City, Ind. and South Haven are being stored in station's boathouse while undergoing winter repairs. (Staff photo)

BH School Board May Not Attend Transfer Hearing

The Benton Harbor board of education may not send a representative to a state hearing Monday to oppose transfer of West North Shore-Lafayette to the St. Joseph school district.

The board was deadlocked 3

to 3 a week ago on a motion to send the representative and legal counsel to the state hearing. Breaking the tie requires a special meeting with enough members present for a majority vote on the matter, one way or the other.

Board President Oliver Rector said Wednesday: "No special meeting has been scheduled, and I don't know if there will be one."

If a meeting is not held to authorize representation, it means that Benton Harbor

school district won't contest, at least in person, the transfer of West North Shore-Lafayette area to St. Joseph. The Benton Harbor board has been represented and registered opposition to past transfer proposals from its district to another.

Ironically, St. Joseph Supt. Richard Ziehmer informed his board last week that he would attend Monday's hearing in Lansing. Ziehmer did not say which way he would testify. But in a county Intermediate board hearing last May on the same issue, the St. Joseph district opposed the transfer, as did Benton Harbor.

There was one member absent at last week's Benton Harbor board meeting who could have broken the tie. Mrs. Nancy Taylor was reported ill at the time. When questioned by this newspaper Wednesday she said she had "no statement to make" on the matter.

The board of education can be convened in special meeting by call of the president or any two board members. Advance notice required is 24 hours by hand delivered message or 48 hours if mailed.

West North Shore-Lafayette appealed to the state board of education after the county Intermediate board last May turned down their transfer request 4 to 1. West Fairplain and Sodus previously were turned down by the county Intermediate board and had state appeal hearings, but the state board of education has not yet returned decisions.

Meanwhile a committee has been at work to devise a redistricting plan for the Benton Harbor district.



HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES: Thirteen students were inducted Tuesday into the St. Joseph high school chapter of National Honor Society.

Front row, left to right: Dave Lange, Vicki Gillespie, Lynne Czarnecki, Jenni Renner, Nancy Ball and Ted Pintke; standing: Polly Platts,

Foster Willey, Packy Ryan, Jim Czirr, Dennis Kugle, Jeff Petrosky and Janet Drews. (Staff photo)

Ski Resort Set To Open--Then Came Rain



HELPING NATURE: Albert Rottmann, owner of Royal Valley ski resort, gives Mother Nature a helping hand with portable snow-making machines. As of Wednesday morning he reported an eight-inch base for grand opening that was supposed to have taken place this weekend. But rain yesterday

and last night postponed the opening indefinitely. Most other ski resorts in lower section of Michigan's Lower Peninsula were closed by rain, too. Southwestern Michigan college is adding skiing to its curriculum, to be offered at Royal Valley beginning next month.



TRIES BEGINNER'S SLOPE: Pat McNeil of Buchanan tries the beginner's slope at Royal Valley ski resort, located one mile north of Buchanan on Main Street road. The resort has six runs in operation and is planning for 12 runs over the next

four to five years. One of the intermediate runs ends in a trail, with a total distance of 1,800 feet. All runs are served by rope tows and lighted for night skiing. Future plans call for addition of two chair lifts and several T-bar and Poma lifts.

Work Begins Feb. 1 On Sewage Project

WATERVLIET — Paw Paw Lake Sewage Planning commission members learned last night that Feb. 1 has been set as the target date to begin construction on both the river interceptor line and sewage treatment plant.

The two projects are part of a \$12 million sewage system to serve the cities and townships of Coloma and Watervliet.

Carr Baldwin, project engineer for the planning commission, reported that contracts are expected to be signed with the sewage treatment plant contractor, J. F. Sadler, Inc. of Milford, Mich., Feb. 1 in the office of Tom Sinn, county planning director.

Baldwin said federal approval of the contract is expected by that time.

Baldwin also reported that the contractor of the river interceptor line, Woodruff and Sons of Michigan City, Ind., plans to begin work no later than Feb. 1.

The interceptor, the main line feeding into the sewage treatment plant, will be built, in part, in the Paw Paw river. It will connect with collection lines already in use in the two cities and new collection lines in the townships.

Equipment needed for both projects will soon begin arriving in the area, according to Baldwin.

Introduction of William E. Berg, of the engineering firm of Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May, of Ann Arbor was made to the commission members by planning commission chairman Fred Munchow.

Berg will be the construction supervisor for the \$2.688 million sewage treatment plant to be constructed off DeField road in Coloma township.

In other commission action, sewage planning board members re-elected Munchow as their chairman. They also re-elected Rodney Kreiger as secretary-treasurer and Robert Curtis as vice chairman.

The commission officers will serve until a joint sewage operating board begins operation later this year.

Commission members also authorized commission attorney F. A. "Mike" Jones of Benton Harbor to determine from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers what obligations the planning commission would be under if they authorize a study of the high water problems of Paw Paw Lake.

Dowagiac Residents Indicted

GRAND RAPIDS — A federal grand jury in Grand Rapids late yesterday indicted four young Dowagiac residents on charges of kidnaping and interstate transportation of a stolen motor vehicle.

Federal Judge Albert Engle ordered the four held in Kent county jail under \$25,000 bond each.

Indicted were William James, 30; Cassandra Nickens, 19; Eugene Landon, 17, and Donald Nickens, 17, all of Dowagiac.

The four are accused of forcing a Chicago parking lot attendant into a stolen car and driving him to New Buffalo, where he was released unharmed early Tuesday.

They were arrested in Dowagiac by city and state police and FBI agents shortly after the alleged kidnaping was reported to New Buffalo state police.



RELAX AT FIREPLACE: Skiers relax around the fireplace at Royal Valley ski resort lodge recently developed near Buchanan. The lodge houses a snackbar, ski shop and equipment rental. Albert Rottmann, owner, said Royal Valley is designed as a family fun center, with emphasis on schooling and family aspects of skiing.

The resort features ladies day each Tuesday and instruction for children on Saturday mornings. Pictured left to right are: Jim Veldman of Three Oaks, Mr. and Mrs. Curt Johnson of Bridgman, Mrs. James Palm of Lakeside and Mrs. Veldman. (Staff photo by Lyle Sumerix)



FRED MUNCHOW
Re-elected chairman

Balloonist Startles Benton Neighborhood

"There's a mysterious object in the sky," a woman caller told Benton township police Wednesday afternoon.

Could it be a flying saucer over Fairplain? Police rushed to the area of I-94 and Nickerson avenue to find out.

What police found was a large red and white hot air balloon belonging to Doug Cook of 297 Nickerson avenue.

The balloon finally landed on Nickerson avenue just east of I-94 around 4 p.m.

Young balloonist Cook was told to be more careful and keep the balloon under control in future flights, police reported.

Witnesses Lose Memory

Suspects Freed In Vicious Attack

DETROIT (AP) — Seven juveniles accused of nearly beating a 13-year-old Detroit boy to death were freed Wednesday after no witnesses were willing to testify against them.

The seven had been accused in the beating of Matthew Hock, who spent 10 days near death in a coma after the October beating.

Juvenile Court Judge James L. Lincoln said he had no choice under the law but to free the youths.

"This is a tragedy not only for the boy but also for the community when you have a group of witnesses who go on the stand and lose their memory," the judge said.

Six witnesses appeared at hearings which ended Tuesday.

All testified that they could not remember the details of the incident.

Hock was attacked while he was riding his bicycle in his northwest Detroit neighborhood.

Hock is white. Those accused of beating him are black.

Hock's mother, Mary Jane Hock, has been active in attempting to improve neighbor-

hood race relations.

Hock was not called as a witness at the hearing since he has no recollection of the attack.

Three youths still face charges in the case. Two juveniles are awaiting a hearing to decide whether they should be tried as adults.

Erick Johnson, 17, faces Recorder's Court trial on a

charge of assault with intent to commit murder.

Judge Lincoln said charges against the other seven could be revived if a witness comes forward to testify.

Hock has recovered almost completely from the beating. He still has slightly impaired speech, but doctors are hopeful that will be fully remedied in time.

TROOPERS' WIDOWS CARRY ON

Notes Of Sympathy Still Being Received From Throughout The Nation



WILL NEVER REALLY KNOW THEIR FATHER: The young children of Trooper Gary Rampy will never have a chance to really get to know their father, who was killed in the line of duty Dec. 31. Mrs. Rampy holds five-months-old Denise. At left is David Rampy, age 4. (Staff photo)

By LYLE SUMERIX
South Berrien Bureau
NEW BUFFALO — Small in stature, big in courage.

That, in short, sums up the widows of Gary Rampy and Charles Stark, Michigan state police troopers shot to death Dec. 31 near Union Pier.

The deaths of their husbands left a void in the Rampy and Stark households that each widow is bravely trying to fill — a void only a mother and her two small children can know.

Mrs. Rampy, Tanya, is left to raise two pre-school children. "I don't think David comprehends what has happened," she told this reporter. "He knows his daddy is in heaven, but he is still kind of waiting for him to come home."

David turned four years old just a month before his father was killed.

Five-months-old Denise is far too young to know about her daddy.

Mrs. Stark, Sandra, summed up her children's reaction: "They seem to understand. They took it hard at first, but now seem to have understood and have accepted it."

Diane, age 9, and her brother, Dale, 8, attended their father's funeral with their mother. Both are students at Chikaming elementary school, where Diane is a fourth grader and Dale is in second grade.

Troopers Rampy and Stark were killed in the line of duty during an apparent routine traffic stop.

Their suspected slayer, William Croxton of Nashville, Tenn., was shot to death minutes later by another trooper. His companion, Mrs. Dorothy Broz of Inkster, has been charged with two counts of first degree murder. She is being held in the Berrien county jail.

Both officers were stationed at the New Buffalo post, where Rampy had served two years and Stark for six years.

Both men know of the dangers of their profession, and both had accepted it.

Rampy joined the state police in 1965, three years after graduating from high school at Albion and a year after he married his classmate and high school sweetheart.

He served two years at Niles and one year at Brighton before joining the New Buffalo post.

Stark's long time ambition had been to join the state police. Following graduation from Muskegon high school in 1957, he became a journeyman bricklayer. His high school

sweetheart, whom he married a year out of high school, recalls how he used to give every state police car he saw a longing look. He joined the department in 1964, and the longing became reality.

He was stationed at Jackson two years before being assigned to New Buffalo.

Seated in the living room of their modern home in Grand Beach, Mrs. Rampy recalled how her husband also had

been left fatherless at the age of four when his father was killed in an automobile accident.

"One thing Gary was against was my working while the children were young. His

mother worked the swing shift in a factory while he was growing up and he often came home to an empty house. He wanted me, home with the

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FATHERLESS FAMILY: Mrs. Charles Stark faces the task of raising her two small children — Dale 8

and Diane 9 — alone since the Dec. 31 death of her husband, Trooper Charles Stark.



TROOPERS HONORED: Michigan state police troopers Gary Rampy and Charles Stark were honored posthumously yesterday at the New Buffalo post. Berrien County Commissioner R. J. Burkholz (left) presents resolutions, adopted by

the board in recognition of the troopers' service, to Mrs. Stark and Mrs. Rampy. Also participating in the presentation was Lt. Neil Bement, post commander. (Staff photo)

Reject Election Year Pressure, Nixon Advises

By FRANK CORMIER
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon, handing the election-year Congress a retreat legislative program with a couple of new wrinkles, called on the Senate and House today to reject "the intense pressures of a political year."

In a 4,000-word State of the Union address, prepared for delivery at a live-broadcast joint session, Nixon said he and Congress should close ranks "in making sure that legislation the nation needs does not become hostage to the political interest of any party or nation."

The President, an announced candidate for a second term, said he wants a bigger defense

budget and a "new technology program" to encourage research, create jobs and make American industry more competitive abroad.

He promised to unveil later in the year a plan to finance public schools without burdening the property-tax system.

Nixon's delivery of the message coincided with the beginning of his fourth year in office.

Otherwise, Nixon said little about new initiatives but stressed instead that Congress should act on "more than 90 major administration proposals" such as welfare reform, government reorganization and revenue sharing that have been hanging fire for a year or longer.

In a companion 15,000-word

written State of the Union document, the chief executive warmed over his past arguments on behalf of the pending bills.

In his written presentation, Nixon said his planned visits this year to Communist China and the Soviet Union "will mean not that our differences have disappeared or will disappear in the near future." The important thing, he said, "is that we talk about these differences rather than fight about them."

"It would be a serious mistake," he continued, "to say that nothing can come of our expanded communications with Peking and Moscow. But it would also be a mistake to expect

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New Faces Appear In Welfare Lineup

By AUSTIN SCOTT
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — William J., onetime \$33,000-a-year executive, peers intently into California's lush San Fernando Valley. He stands beside the backyard swimming pool of his \$65,000, mountain-side home.

Number 4 Of A Series

EDITOR'S NOTE—A sagging economy is driving home the facts of life on welfare to a new class of recipients—skilled, middle class craftsmen and professionals. Here, in the fourth of a series on the welfare crisis, the AP Special Assignment Team looks at new problem for these people.

In the distance is the Los Angeles County office that now supplies his only income, \$398 a month in welfare benefits and food stamps.

Two years without work, his \$15,000 savings gone, his confidence shattered, William J. is depressed about prospects for himself, his wife and his four children. "I've thought sometimes that if I still had my life insurance, I might have done away with myself," he said.

William J. represents a small but growing minority on welfare—executives, engineers, scientists and skilled craftsmen severed from their jobs by a sagging economy.

Executive William J., an elderly widow in Long Beach, Calif., a struggling mother of five in a Chicago slum, a young widow in Providence, R.I.; these are some of the representative faces on the escalating public dole.

After a brief downturn, the cold statistics of the welfare

crisis are headed upward again: \$10 billion spent in the last year on 14.3 million recipients, twice the people and three times the expenditures of 1960.

The important statistic for William J., like everyone on welfare, is the money he doesn't have.

William J. rose quickly through Eastern corporation ranks after graduation from an Ivy League college two decades ago. He came West as executive vice president of a Los Angeles firm. Soon after he arrived, the company folded.

Since then he has looked unsuccessfully for another executive position. He'll take any work he can get. But employers have turned him down for such jobs as sales clerk. He is overqualified, they say, and would leave as soon as a better job comes along.

Now William J. is thinking of

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Mortgage Fraud Charged Arrests Made In FHA Mess

DETROIT (AP) — A federal grand jury Wednesday indicted nine persons, including seven Detroit-area real estate brokers, on fraud charges in the

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purchasing of 20 homes with mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Authority (FHA).

U.S. Attorney Ralph B. Guy Jr. said the indictments represented the first in a series of criminal charges involving FHA-insured mortgages in home buying which are expected to be issued in Detroit.

The indictments follow charges from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that abuses of FHA mortgages were a major reason for the drastic increase in foreclosures by HUD in Detroit.

Guy said an investigation by his office and the FBI has indicated that fraud and other abuses of the FHA program are "quite widespread" in the Detroit area.

Guy said the real estate agents had third persons fur-

nish their names and credit ratings to apply for a mortgage on property which they had no intention of living in.

Once the mortgage was obtained, he said, the real estate agent would resume control of the property and rent it or sell it for personal profit. The so-called buyers would receive payments in return for the use of their names and credit ratings.

Although the fake home buyers are also liable to criminal prosecution, Guy said, they were not charged.

Eight of the nine—seven of them from Detroit suburbs—were arrested by federal officials. The ninth was believed to be a fugitive in Canada, authorities said.

Guy said all nine face prison terms of up to two years or fines of \$5,000, or both, if con-

victed.

He said three also face additional conspiracy charges

which carry a maximum penalty of five years and a \$10,000 fine.

Peace Talk Envoy Returns In Secret

PARIS (AP) — The chief U.S. delegate to the Vietnam peace talks, William J. Porter, flew to the United States secretly last weekend and is expected to go to Washington for consultations before returning to Paris next week, the U.S. delegation announced today.

Porter's place at the 141st session of the talks today was taken by his deputy, Hayward Isham.

Delegation spokesman Stephen Ledogar told newsmen that Porter and his wife flew to their home in Massachusetts Sunday "to take care of personal business." Asked whether the ambassador would see officials in Washington about the peace talks, Ledogar replied: "I would be surprised if he did not take a trip to Washington."

Paula Selter now at Eastern Styling Salon, 429-1361. Adv.

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Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing EditorMating Ecology
And Economics

The U.S. Department of The Interior is expected to release within a week or two its final environmental impact statement on the Trans Alaska Pipeline.

Going by a statement of December 3d from Rogers C. B. Morton, Interior Secretary, expressing confidence "we have covered all the environmental stipulations and that a permit will be issued," Alaska Pipeline should receive permission to proceed with the controversial transport method.

The project calls for running a 48-inch line from Prudhoe Bay on the North Slope 789 miles south to the Valdez, an ice free port.

Three years ago an exploratory consortium from several oil companies revealed the North Slope lies astride an estimated 10 billion barrels of petroleum. These proven reserves equal a third of that among all the other oil producing states and constitute an obvious answer to embargo threats from politically unstable areas like Venezuela, Libya and the Mid-eastern sheikdoms.

This mammoth deposit, once brought into production, promises a cushier life for all Alaskans, many times what timbering, fishing and solid mineral, mostly gold, mining forecast. The 49th state already has balanced up a precarious budget in selling prospecting rights and its officials dream of financing Alaska's domestic requirements indefinitely by further sales, expanded payrolls and royalties.

Alaska's ecology, however, is as fragile as her economy.

It is one of the world's more productive earthquake zones. This causes many geologists to fear that even a minor tremor could break the line, spewing a lake of crude petroleum across the countryside or, where the line is buried, sending a poison stream underground before maintenance crews could repair the breach.

More worrisome is the soil structure. The tundra, an undulating plain covered by grass, lichen, sedge and moss, prevails in the open or nonforested areas.

The summer sun thaws the tundra to a spongy muck which only this thin vegetative layer holds together.

Oil heated to 180 degrees Fahrenheit to allow it to be pumped through the line in winter conceivably might melt a drainage ditch which in warmer weather could turn the tundra into a quagmire. Ecologists fear this would starve the caribou and other migratory vegetarian animals who feed from the tundra's covering.

Morton's predecessor, Walter Hickel, sided with the environmentalists and against his fellow businessmen in this argument. This could be the cause behind the never stated reason from the White House for relieving Hickel from his post in 1970.

Morton's statement seven weeks ago implies, without saying in so many words, the Department will insist upon engineering techniques to accommodate the tundra and Alaskan pocketbooks simultaneously.

Another compromise is possible. A Canadian group is exploring the feasibility of running a line from the Yukon to Edmonton, Alberta, the center of the fairly recent Western Basin strike which runs down into Montana. An extension could be laid to Prudhoe Bay for the North Slope deposits.

This could cost more than the \$2 billion estimated for the Valdez terminal route, but the American companies might have to show more interest in an Edmonton terminus if Morton goes counter to their expectations or lays down engineering standards too difficult to meet.

From a monetary standpoint, Trans Alaska is the largest in a growing list of clashes between ecology for its own sake as opposed to the cost of achieving it, including job attrition.

Although ecology holds official sanction in the governing boards of most major labor unions, many locals and their leaders are joining hands with management to resist or deflect the stiffer environmental regulations. "Jobs first, scenery and wildlife next," is the formula. Oil, pulp making and chemicals, three industries most susceptible to anti-pollution orders, are showing an inordinate display of unaccustomed brotherhood in that regard.

George Meany, the very expressive president of the AFL-CIO, assails the campaign against disposable bottles and cans as "a program for banning jobs, not eliminating litter."

If they are unique in any one respect, Americans never have inclined to go at things gradually. We prefer the all or nothing approach, including the backlash which the former invariably engenders.

Environmentalism has taken this first routing from the beginning. It got off to a flying start because returning to the simple life appeared to be a cheap ticket.

The Trans Alaska case and this labor reaction are merely a few indicators among many showing it will cost a tremendous bundle to improve the environment or just to stabilize it against further inroads.

Yet it is clear a present job may quickly prove insecure if no move is taken toward stabilization.

The sensible alternative is to move ahead on environmental clean up at a cost which the economy can meet successfully.

We add one wistful thought to this suggestion — the impossible dream of keeping the politicians out of the act.

UN Losing Its Box
Office Appeal

The United Nations, which has a penchant for not doing anything right, hit a new plateau in 1971. It even lost money on its guided tours for the first time.

Tourists at the UN's New York buildings have been declining since 1969, when more than one million visitors were recorded. In 1970, the number was down to 938,000. Last year it dropped to 874,000.

The 1971 figure is particularly significant because of the widespread publicity surrounding the China question and the debate over the India-Pakistan war.

Thus, in a year when greater public attention was focused on the UN than usual, attendance by the public dropped off considerably. From the financial point of view, UN tours probably will continue to lose money.

Although the number of visitors has declined 13 percent in two years, the world organization intends to hire only 10 per cent fewer guides when two-year contracts are issued in March, and admits much of that economy will be eliminated by higher salaries and other costs.

The reason given by Maurice Liu, chief of UN public services, for the declining interest by visitors is the condition of the American economy during the last two years. That may have been a contributing factor, but perhaps it has not occurred to the gentlemen in the glass tower that their own actions and inactions have had something to do with it.

Traditionally, when a boy kisses a girl under the mistletoe, he must pluck a berry from the bough and give it to her. When all its berries are gone, the mistletoe loses its magic and the kissing stops. Tradition also held that a girl who wasn't kissed under the mistletoe would not marry in the coming year, the National Geographic Society says.

The Pallbearers!



GLANCING BACKWARDS

NAMED DIRECTOR

1 Year Ago

Jeff B. Edmunds of St. Joseph has been named western Berrien county area director for General Business Services, Inc., a national consulting firm specializing in helping small businessmen and professional persons.

Services rendered include record keeping, tax consultation, and preparation of business and personal income tax returns. General Services is headquartered in Washington,

D. C.

BOATING AWARD PRESENTED

10 Years Ago

James W. Peaslee is the 1962 recipient of the Ole Evinrude Award presented this week at the national motor boat show in New York City for his contribution to recreational boating.

The St. Joseph publisher is keeping the Steuben glass bowl symbolizing the honor but giving the \$1,000 grant

that goes with the award to the Southwestern Michigan Boy Scouts Council. It will be used to buy marine equipment at the Madron lake camp.

JAPS UNLOOSE
HUGE ASSAULT

30 Years Ago

Japanese invasion troops, attacking only 60 miles north of Singapore island, were officially reported exerting "heavy pressure on the entire front" in western Malaya today, and a crisis in the defense of Britain's \$400,000,000 strong hold was apparently imminent as sea-borne Japanese forces cut in below the main battle line.

In the Philippine war theater, a war department bulletin reported that six American bombers sank a Japanese cruiser and scored direct hits on a tanker, leaving it in flames 100 miles off Jolo.

BIRTHDAY SPEECH

40 Years Ago

"Prohibition is a big joke and the Volstead act should be modified at once, the quicker the better," is the opinion of John C. Dick, Buchanan's veteran justice of the peace who today is celebrating his 89th birthday anniversary. "There will be mighty few Republicans left in Washington after the smoke of next November's election has rolled away," asserts Mr. Dick, who has faithfully followed the principles of Thomas Jefferson since he was old enough to vote.

HOT LUNCH

50 Years Ago

For the rest of the winter, St. Joseph high school students will have an opportunity to enjoy hot lunches served by the domestic science department. Food will be served at a nominal price.

RETURNS FROM TRIP

60 Years Ago

Harry Kerlikowske has returned from a business trip to Jackson.

BACK HOME

80 Years Ago

Miss Emma Collins has returned from Reading where she has been a guest of Miss Della Stoner, who is ill with grip.

Era Of
Good Feeling
Ahead

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — All those connected with the Michigan school scene will move closer together and cooperate more fully during the next few years, predicts state Superintendent of Public Instruction John W. Porter.

Porter spoke Wednesday before the Michigan Association of School Administrators in Grand Rapids.

"There will be a shift of emphasis away from educational reform in the sense of local versus state control — which has dominated the scene for several years — toward a greater cooperation and working relationship between local, regional and state agencies in order to get the job done," Porter said.

During the same period, Porter said, educators will be dealing with changes in the funding of public education, reorganization of school districts, experimentation and demonstration programs, school desegregation and teacher professional development activities.

Bruce Blossat

Ray Of Hope

In Trade Gloom



WASHINGTON (NEA) — Away from the glare of glamorous summitry, the Nixon administration has been deeply involved for weeks in important trade talks with Canada, Japan and the European nations. But what we do for ourselves may have more to do with our long range economic prospects in the world.

The talks, of course, are intended by us to produce concessions from our major trading partners which may help us offset our critical deficits in trade and balance of payments.

At least in the conversations with the Japanese, snags have developed from time to time. But the White House remains optimistic. The President believes he has the promise of concessions.

Our whole trading problem, indeed, our role in a changing world economy, is amply treated in a new big study by Peter Peterson, the President's international economic expert. Not the least pertinent observations are those dealing with America's domestic economic shortcomings.

Speaking of this country's need to develop more competitive strength against fast-moving Europe and Japan, Peterson says:

"It is important to emphasize that development depends mainly on our own efforts rather than on the actions of other countries."

Fundamentally, our domestic economic power is not gravely diminished. For instance, Peterson says there is gross exaggeration in fears that the United States, flooded with foreign goods, would soon cease to be a major manufacturing nation. Adds he:

"Our economy produces around \$350 billion in manufactured goods, and we import less than 10 per cent of that amount. Furthermore, our total manufacturing output is significantly larger, in absolute terms, than the sum of the entire gross national products of several of our leading competitors in the free world."

Still, the shortcomings are here:

—We continue to gain each year in productivity (output per man hour), but Japan and some European lands are far outpacing us.

—We don't invest enough in new plant and equipment to improve productivity. Japan in recent years has plowed back twice as much of its GNP into new facilities as have we. So has West Germany.

—We go on outspending other industrialized powers in research and development, key to advancing technology. But others are gaining on us.

One cue to our evidently declining inventiveness, too, is that in 1971 foreign applications for U.S. patents were 40 per cent of total applications, as against 26 per cent in 1961.

Jeffrey Horn

Jackson Smells

Liberal Fraud



Senator Henry M. Jackson will not make it to the Democratic nomination, much less to the Presidency, but, in refreshing contrast to his Democratic rivals, he is at least honest on the issues.

The intellectual dishonesty of his principal rivals is indeed breathtaking. George McGovern can appear on a given evening before B'nai B'rith or some such group and roundly declare: "America must do whatever is necessary to ensure the survival of Israel." Then, the next day, before a liberal audience, you find him advocating vast cuts in the military budget — his figure, these days, is twenty billion dollars. What, as a matter of fact is he going to defend Israel with, let alone the United States?

The inconsistency here is so gross that McGovern's pose as a man of openness and candor must have been consciously designed to distract attention from it.

But McGovern's flagrancy is by no means unique. Here is Eugene McCarthy: "I think we have a normal commitment to support Israel and must maintain it." With what, he doesn't say. John Lindsay and Hubert Humphrey echo the sentiment. Edmund "Honest Abe" Muskie comes on in exactly the same way: "The security of Israel is closely related to the security of the United States."

This last proposition may in fact be objectively true. But if it is, why then does Muskie vie with his rivals on Pentagon budget-cutting?

It is at exactly this point that Henry Jackson comes in. "How the hell are you going to defend Israel," he asks, "if you're also cutting the Sixth Fleet to ribbons? It doesn't jell."

And Jackson is obviously, glaringly correct. He has put his finger on the bogus element in the public position of all his rivals. And their performance is a wonder to behold.

Behind their obvious contradictions and bogus rhetoric, what Muskie, McGovern, Lindsay and Humphrey are doing, quite plainly, is competing for the honorific label of "liberal" in places like Washington, New York, and Boston. Each of them needs support in those places, and the "liberal" label is important. In this electoral season, the most "liberal" candidate is the one who dramatizes himself as the loudest opponent of national defense. That each of them flatly contradicts himself where Israel is concerned apparently passes unnoticed.

The hilarious part of all this is that Muskie has apparently designed his Presidential campaign around the theme that he is a uniquely candid and forthright candidate. He is attempting to establish a dramatic contrast between his New England integrity and the trickery of that fellow in the White House. His stump speech, for example, is beginning to crystallize. He is asking his audiences to "find out if this guy in front of you is a believable candidate. If you really trust what he says. . . . Do this not for me but for the country, because people have to believe in their leaders."

Worried About
Marina

FRANKFORT, Mich., (AP) — The Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Advisory Commission has expressed concern over possible overdevelopment of the proposed harbor and boat launching facility at the mouth of the Platte River, in Benzie County.

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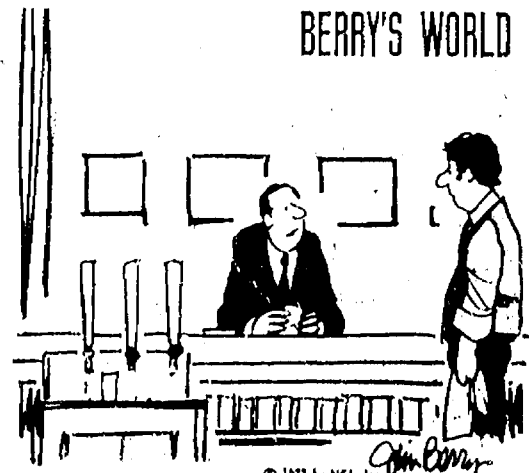
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"My wife is going to subscribe to Ms.—tell me, Wally, where have I failed?"



SOUVENIR FROM INDIA: How do you carry a four-foot long sitar from New Delhi, India, to the Twin Cities? "In your hand," says Deborah Shepard. Deborah brought this and other souvenirs home from her visit to India where she studied Buddhism and other Far Eastern philosophies at the University of New Delhi. (Staff photo)

War More Than Headline For Her Local Girl Tells Of India

By JAKE SHUBINSKI
Staff Writer

The war between India and Pakistan was just a headline in the newspaper to most Twin City residents, but to 19-year-old Deborah Shepard, it was a very real and close experience.

Deborah, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Montgomery Shepard, was in India throughout the war and remembers well one night in Bombay.

"It was crazy," recalls Miss Shepard. "There my girl friend and I were in the middle of a harbor filled with military installations making our home on a luxurious British houseboat which we had rented for \$10 per night.

"All of a sudden, the air raid sirens were blasting and the ack ack guns started firing. As it turned out, there was only one plane in the raid and no bombs were dropped . . . and the plane escaped," said Deborah.

With this one exception, her memories were all pleasant. "It's a beautiful country and the trip gave me a brighter outlook on life," she said.

To most Americans, India means poverty. "Poverty is easing in India," declared Deborah after a first-hand view. "The country is feeding most of its own population now."

Miss Shepard does not deny that poverty exists. She says, "Only the very rich have cars and they share the streets with bikes and oxen carrying their loads."

Deborah's trip to India

Auto Truck Site Of Fire

St. Joseph firemen extinguished a smoldering fire in the trunk of a car owned by M. L. Meeks, 867 Thresher, Benton Harbor, 9:18 - 9:42 a.m. Wednesday at Gate 2 of Auto Specialties Manufacturing Co. Firemen said clothes in the trunk were ignited by a tail light that broke loose from its socket.

I&M Sues Electrical Union For \$293,902 Damages

SOUTH BEND — Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. and a wholly-owned subsidiary filed suits in U. S. District court here late Wednesday seeking \$293,902 damages against the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers for alleged picketing at two generating plant sites.

I&M and its subsidiary, Indiana & Michigan Power Co., claim IBEW representatives picketed illegally Jan. 11 and thereby halted construction work at the Donald C. Cook nuclear plant at Bridgman, Mich., and the Tanners Creek plant at Lawrenceburg, Ind.

IBEW local 1392 has no employees at the Cook plant, an I&M spokesman said earlier. The picketing there lasted one day.

I&M Power Co. seeks \$254,-

000 losses at the Cook plant, and I&M Electric Co. seeks \$39,902 losses at Tanners Creek based on alleged "disruption

of the orderly progress of work, delay in completion of the project, and revenue it will generate, plus losses due

to added expenses."

The IBEW struck in a dispute over a new contract on Jan. 11 and returned to work

Jan. 17. It has been without a contract since the last pact expired Oct. 31 and still is without one.

Teachers Against BH Split

Value Of Mixed
Society Cited

The Benton Harbor Education association went on record at its meeting Monday night as opposing any fragmentation of the Benton Harbor Area school district.

The teachers said they believed dividing the district would deprive students of a multi-cultural educational background which they feel is essential for living in today's society.

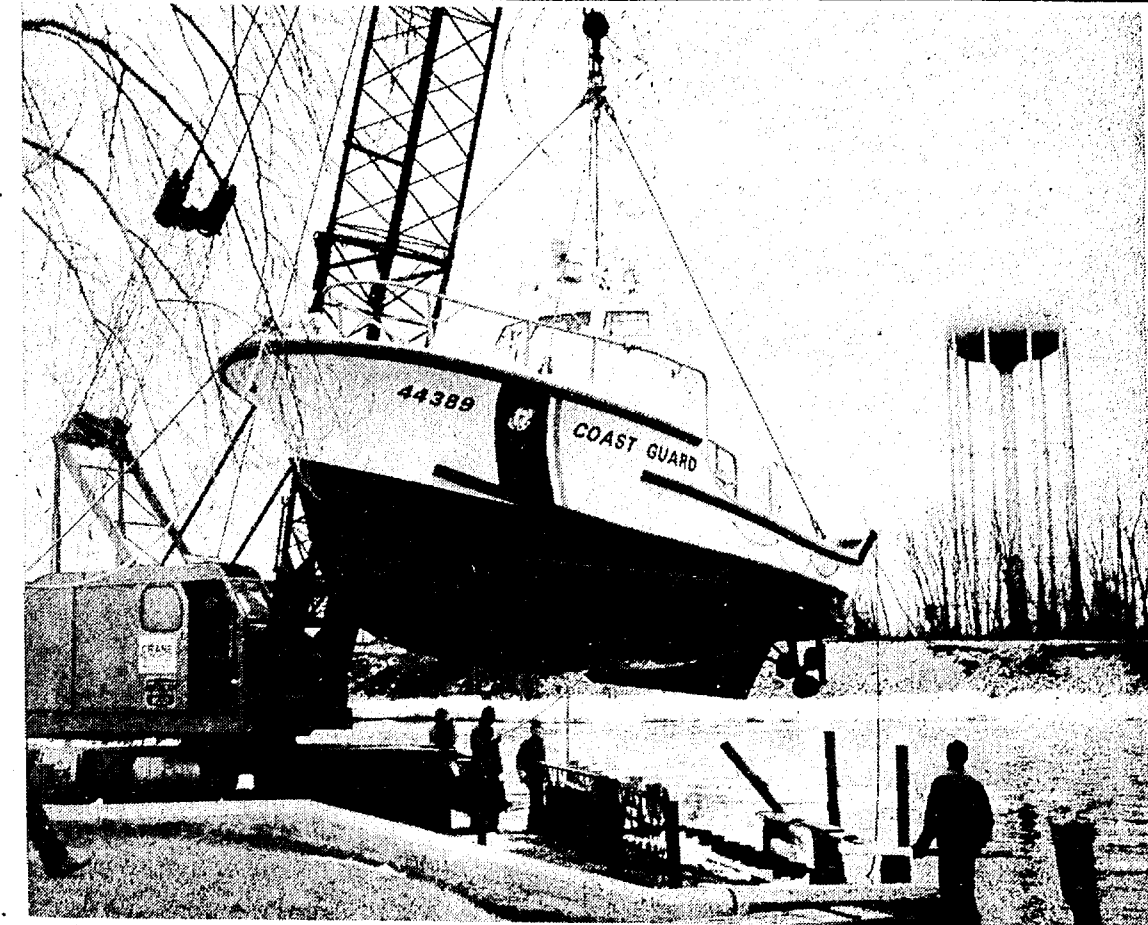
They said that "fragmentation of any district on an ethnic basis is contrary to prevailing judicial practice," and cited a recent case in Richmond, Va., as an example.

They added that new programs had been added this year, and felt these might be destroyed if the system was broken up.

Several areas of the district currently are involved in efforts to transfer to other districts.

Traffic Deaths

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Jan. 20 State Police Count
This Year 86
Last Year 87



20-TON FLYING BOAT: George Miller Jr. and Sons, crane operators lifted the St. Joseph coast Guard's 40-foot lifesaving boat out of the water Wednesday for winter maintenance. The job order came unexpectedly when ice, that had the boat in its grip up to Tuesday, shifted and broke up. Chief Robert Woodard said the new boat is in good condition but will get usual maintenance care. The

39,000 pound boat was put on skids on west bank of marina and will be heated electrically during the winter. In case of an emergency, boat could be refloated, quickly, Miller said. Boats from Michigan City, Ind. and South Haven are being stored in station's boathouse while undergoing winter repairs. (Staff photo)

BH School Board May Not Attend Transfer Hearing

The Benton Harbor board of education may not send a representative to a state hearing Monday to oppose transfer of West North Shore-Lafayette to the St. Joseph school district.

The board was deadlocked 3

to 3 a week ago on a motion to send the representative and legal counsel to the state hearing. Breaking the tie requires a special meeting with enough members present for a majority vote on the matter, one way or the other.

Board President Oliver Rector said Wednesday: "No special meeting has been scheduled, and I don't know if there will be one."

If a meeting is not held to authorize representation, it means that Benton Harbor

school district won't contest, at least in person, the transfer of West North Shore-Lafayette area to St. Joseph. The Benton Harbor board has been represented and registered opposition to past transfer proposals from its district to another.

Ironically, St. Joseph Supt. Richard Ziehmer informed his board last week that he would attend Monday's hearing in Lansing. Ziehmer did not say which way he would testify. But in a county intermediate board hearing last May on the same issue, the St. Joseph district opposed the transfer, as did Benton Harbor.

There was one member absent at last week's Benton Harbor board meeting who could have broken the tie. Mrs. Nancy Taylor was reported ill at the time. When questioned by this newspaper Wednesday she said she had "no statement to make" on the matter.

The board of education can be convened in special meeting by call of the president or any two board members. Advance notice required is 24 hours by hand delivered message or 48 hours if mailed.

West North Shore-Lafayette appealed to the state board of education after the county intermediate board last May turned down their transfer request 4 to 1. West Fairplain and Sodus previously were turned down by the county intermediate board and had state appeal hearings, but the state board of education has not yet returned decisions.

Meanwhile a committee has been at work to devise a redistricting plan for the Benton Harbor district.



HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES: Thirteen students were inducted Tuesday into the St. Joseph high school chapter of National Honor Society.

Front row, left to right: Dave Lange, Vicki Gillespie, Lynne Czarnecki, Jenni Benner, Nancy Bail and Ted Pinicke; standing: Polly Platts,

Foster Willey, Pucky Ryan, Jim Czirr, Dennis Kugle, Jeff Petrosky and Janet Drews. (Staff photo)

Ski Resort Set To Open--Then Came Rain



HELPING NATURE: Albert Rottmann, owner of Royal Valley ski resort, gives Mother Nature a helping hand with portable snow-making machines. As of Wednesday morning he reported an eight-inch base for grand opening that was supposed to have taken place this weekend. But rain yesterday

and last night postponed the opening indefinitely. Most other ski resorts in lower section of Michigan's Lower Peninsula were closed by rain, too. Southwestern Michigan college is adding skiing to its curriculum, to be offered at Royal Valley beginning next month.



TRIES BEGINNER'S SLOPE: Pat McNeil of Buchanan tries the beginner's slope at Royal Valley ski resort, located one mile north of Buchanan on Main Street road. The resort has six runs in operation and is planning for 12 runs over the next

four to five years. One of the intermediate runs ends in a trail, with a total distance of 1,800 feet. All runs are served by rope tows and lighted for night skiing. Future plans call for addition of two chair lifts and several T-bar and Poma lifts.

Work Begins Feb. 1 On Sewage Project

WATERVLIET — Paw Paw Lake Sewage Planning commission members learned last night that Feb. 1 has been set as the target date to begin construction on both the river interceptor line and sewage treatment plant.

The two projects are part of a \$12 million sewage system to serve the cities and townships of Coloma and Watervliet.

Carr Baldwin, project engineer for the planning commission, reported that contracts are expected to be signed with the sewage treatment plant contractor, J. F. Sadler, Inc. of Milford, Mich., Feb. 1 in the office of Tom Sinn, county planning director.

Baldwin said federal approval of the contract is expected by that time. Baldwin also reported that the contractor of the river interceptor line, Woodruff and Sons of Michigan City, Ind., plans to begin work no later than Feb. 1.

The interceptor, the main line feeding into the sewage treatment plant, will be built, in part, in the Paw Paw river. It will connect with collection lines already in use in the two cities and new collection lines in the townships.

Equipment needed for both projects will soon begin arriving in the area, according to Baldwin.

Introduction of William E. Berg, of the engineering firm of Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May, of Ann Arbor was made to the commission members by planning commission chairman Fred Munchow.

Berg will be the construction supervisor for the \$2.688 million sewage treatment plant to be constructed off DeField road in Coloma township.

In other commission action, sewage planning board members re-elected Munchow as their chairman. They also re-elected Rodney Kreiger as secretary-treasurer and Robert Curtis as vice chairman.

The commission officers will serve until a joint sewage operating board begins operation later this year.

Commission members also authorized commission attorney F. A. "Mike" Jones of Benton Harbor to determine from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers what obligations the planning commission would be under if they authorize a study of the high water problems of Paw Paw Lake.

The four are accused of forcing a Chicago parking lot attendant into a stolen car and driving him to New Buffalo, where he was released unharmed early Tuesday.

They were arrested in Dowagiac by city and state police and FBI agents shortly after the alleged kidnaping was reported to New Buffalo state police.

Indicted were William James, 30; Cassandra Nickens, 19; Eugene Landon, 17, and Donald Nickens, 17, all of Dowagiac.

The seven had been accused in the beating of Matthew Hock, who spent 10 days near death in a coma after the October beating.



RELAX AT FIREPLACE: Skiers relax around the fireplace at Royal Valley ski resort lodge recently developed near Buchanan. The lodge houses a snackbar, ski shop and equipment rental. Albert Rottmann, owner, said Royal Valley is designed as a family fun center, with emphasis on schooling and family aspects of skiing.

The resort features ladies day each Tuesday and instruction for children on Saturday mornings. Pictured left to right are: Jim Veldman of Three Oaks, Mr. and Mrs. Curt Johnson of Bridgman, Mrs. James Palm of Lakeside and Mrs. Veldman. (Staff photo by Lyle Sumerix)



FRED MUNCHOW
Re-elected chairman

Balloonist Startles Benton Neighborhood

"There's a mysterious object in the sky," a woman caller told Benton township police Wednesday afternoon.

Could it be a flying saucer over Fairplain? Police rushed to the area of 1-94 and Nickerson avenue to find out.

What police found was a large red and white hot air balloon belonging to Doug Cook of 287 Nickerson avenue.

The balloon finally landed on Nickerson avenue just east of I-94 around 4 p.m.

Young balloonist Cook was told to be more careful and keep the balloon under control in future flights, police reported.

Witnesses Lose Memory

Suspects Freed In Vicious Attack

DETROIT (AP) — Seven juveniles accused of nearly beating a 13-year-old Detroit boy to death were freed Wednesday after no witnesses were willing to testify against them.

The seven had been accused in the beating of Matthew Hock, who spent 10 days near death in a coma after the October beating.

Juvenile Court Judge James L. Lincoln said he had no choice under the law but to free the youths.

"This is a tragedy not only for the boy but also for the community when you have a group of witnesses who go on the stand and lose their memory," the judge said.

Six witnesses appeared at hearings which ended Tuesday.

All testified that they could not remember the details of the incident.

Hock was attacked while he was riding his bicycle in his northwest Detroit neighborhood.

Hock is white. Those accused of beating him are black. Hock's mother, Mary Jane Hock, has been active in attempting to improve neighbor-

hood race relations.

Hock was not called as a witness at the hearing since he has no recollection of the attack.

Three youths still face charges in the case. Two juveniles are awaiting a hearing to decide whether they should be tried as adults.

Erick Johnson, 17, faces Recorder's Court trial on a

charge of assault with intent to commit murder.

Judge Lincoln said charges against the other seven could be revived if a witness comes forward to testify.

Hock has recovered almost completely from the beating. He still has slightly impaired speech, but doctors are hopeful that will be fully remedied in time.